

operation of the veneer mill and saw-mills, providing jobs and protecting families.●

RECOGNIZING MONTANA'S LOCAL BROADCASTERS

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the important role that Montana's local broadcast stations play in informing and serving their communities.

Local broadcast stations across the country serve their communities in as many different ways as there are communities. A recent study by the National Association of Broadcasters found that American local broadcast stations gave almost 10 billion dollars in community service last year. In Montana, it is estimated that local radio and television stations contributed 78 million dollars. These impressive numbers represented stations' Public Service Announcements, donated airtime, money raised for local and national charities and non-profits, and other community work. Montanans are fortunate to be served by stations that are so dedicated to their communities.

Today, I would like to recognize two of those stations for their outstanding service.

In Helena, KMTX-FM provided more than \$15,000 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's "Project Impact." This program works to promote local, grassroots initiatives that make American communities more disaster resistant. KMTX was so supportive that the station's general manager, Kevin Shaalure, was awarded the Outstanding Project Impact Media Individual. The local manager for Project Impact said, and I quote: "Kevin and KMTX embraced Project Impact from the start, working to give preparedness a high profile."

Montanans have a long tradition of helping those who are less fortunate and Montana broadcast stations exemplify this effort. KDBM-AM in Dillon, MT, collected 600 coats for area students in 2001 through its annual Coats for Kids drive. With collection boxes placed throughout Dillon and in neighboring Twin Bridges, the station encouraged its listeners to drop off coats, gloves, hats, and anything else to help keep local children warm. The coats were then distributed by school teachers to students and by the local Women's Resource Center, the Pioneer Youth Home and the food pantry.

I am proud of my local Montana stations. The United States system of free, over-the-air local broadcasting is the envy of the world and these stations show why. To them I offer my sincere congratulations.●

TRIBUTE TO COL. GERARD W. SCHWARTZ

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to Col. Gerard W. Schwartz, former Chief of Staff

of the Army Review Board Agency, who will retire on October 1. Colonel Schwartz's career spans three decades in which he distinguished himself as an outstanding soldier and leader.

A Utah native, Colonel Schwartz graduated from Weber State College and began his career in the Army as an enlisted soldier. Working his way up through the ranks, he earned his commission as a lieutenant of the Ordnance Corps through Officer Candidate School. During his career, he served in positions of increasingly greater responsibility, from battalion level through the Secretary of the Army. He has successfully trained and led America's soldiers at home and overseas.

Colonel Schwartz served in the Army during our operations in Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Haiti, Iraq and Afghanistan. His contributions during this period contributed immeasurably to the successes achieved by our forces and will have a lasting effect on the Army in the years to come. Most recently, he served the Secretary of the Army as the Director of the Military Review Board that administers a number of boards available to current and former members of the Army. He made sure that each board was administered with justice, equity and compassion as expected by the Congress. His character, mature judgment, wisdom, and amiable demeanor have earned him the respect and confidence of his subordinates, fellow officers and the General Officers he served with during his illustrious career.

Throughout his career, Col. Gerard Schwartz has demonstrated his profound commitment to our nation, his selfless service to the Army, a deep concern for soldiers and their families, and a relentless commitment to excellence. Colonel Schwartz is a consummate professional whose performance, in over three decades of service, has exemplified the courage, competency, and integrity that our nation expects from its Army officers.

I ask my Colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel Schwartz for his honorable service to the people and the U.S. Army. We wish the Colonel and his family Godspeed and all the best in the future.●

CONGRATULATIONS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND FROM YARDLEY, PA

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a very bright and focused group of students: the William Penn Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team from Yardley, PA. This team of seven children has returned from competition boasting first place out of nearly 700 teams from across the country and around the world. Their perfect score reflects their top performance in all categories of competition, and their exhibition of exceptional creativity has earned them the Ranatra Fusca Award for which the team's name will be placed on a trophy at the Smithsonian Institute.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving program for children of all ages, from kindergarten through college. Through regional, State, country, and international competition, participant groups spend the better part of a year working on a solution to one of five problems as devised by the program. Contestants compete with students of similar age and must meet a number of criteria which include: limiting expenses to a strict budget, building mechanical creations to accomplish specific tasks, writing and staging an original performance, and earning points from the judges based on their solution to the problem they have chosen, style in solving the problem, and their ability to spontaneously answer a problem on the day of competition.

Recycling trash and other discarded materials to build a set and costumes for their performance and to engineer a vacuuming contraption and a water quality enhancer, the Yardley team focused on the issue of environmental preservation. With a theme based on "The Wizard of Oz," the characters of the team's sketch worked on cleaning up an imaginary environment found under a child's bed. The vision of Katie Barberides, Colleen Considine, Andrew Ettenger, Jamie Hale, Greg Plumb, Brianna Pollock, and Evan Verdini was awarded a perfect score from the judges on the three scored fronts. These seven critical thinkers clinched first place at the World Finals in their division, participants under 15 years of age.

I invite my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating these young intellectuals on their enthusiasm for creative learning and the hard work they put into this problem-solving program. They represent the American spirit of ingenuity and should be very proud of their individual and team accomplishments. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, and I hope they continue to enjoy learning skills through other innovative opportunities.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 23, 1993 in Brooklyn, NY. An Irish Gay and Lesbian Organization leader was stabbed. The assailant, a minor, yelled an anti-gay slur during the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe